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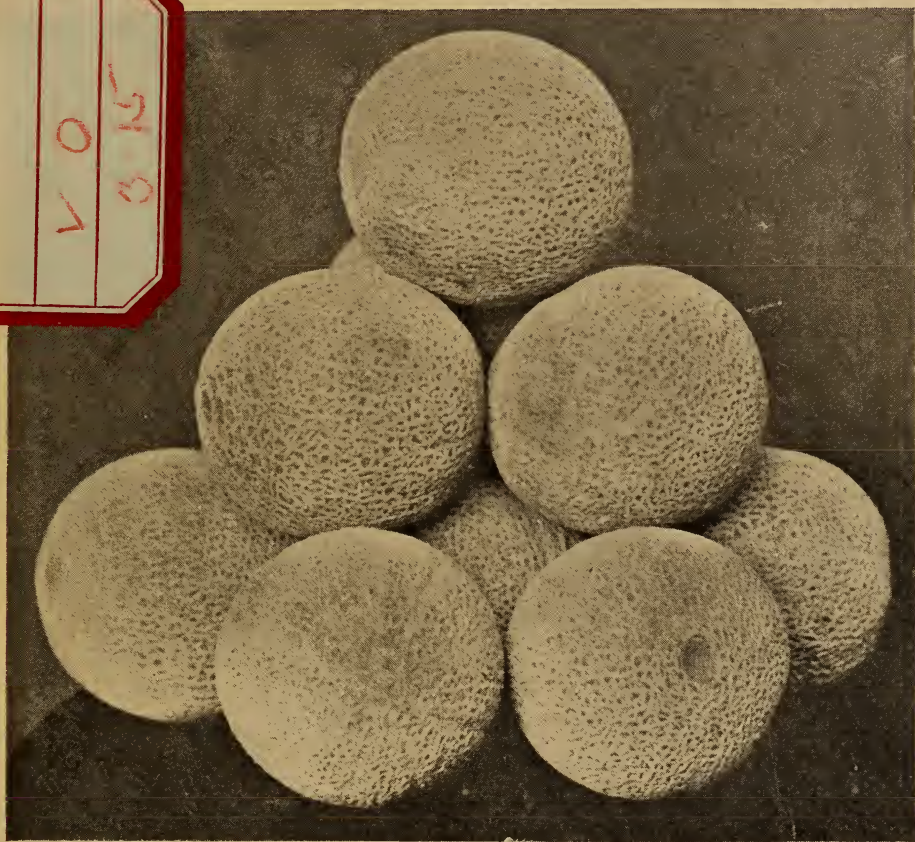
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OF  
Cantaloupe and Other Vine Seeds  
Season 1917



Our Salmon Tinted Eden Gem.

Issued by

Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Seed Growers' Co.

GARWOOD & WOODSIDE, Props.

ROCKY FORD, COLO.

GROWERS OF HIGH GRADE VINE SEEDS

# INFORMATION FOR PURCHASERS

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## Please Read This Page Carefully

**W**E PAY THE TRANSPORTATION CHARGES. At the prices quoted in this Catalog we deliver the Seed at your station by Mail or Express. Our terms are strictly cash with order (unless satisfactory arrangements have been made beforehand). Remittances should be made by Postoffice or Express Money Order, Bank Draft or Registered Letter. Amounts of less than \$1.00 may be sent in Postage Stamps. If personal checks are sent they must be certified by your banker. We will ship seed C. O. D. by Express, provided 10 per cent of the amount of the purchase price accompanies the order.

**USE OUR ORDER SHEET**, carefully filling out the blank spaces at the top, for shipping directions. Use one line for each kind of seed ordered.

Always carry out the price of each item.

Keep a copy of your order. (This is very important.)

We exercise the utmost care in filling orders, striving to be correct in every detail; yet in the press of business, errors sometimes occur, in which event we wish to be promptly notified of the fact and will make such corrections as will be satisfactory.

**WHEN TO ORDER.** We strongly advise our customers to send in their orders immediately upon receipt of this Catalog, as they will then have the seeds on hand when they need them, and avoid the unnecessary delay often caused by the rush of the busy season. It is advisable to order while our stock is complete.

**MARKET GARDENERS AND LARGE PLANTERS** should write for special prices, stating variety and quantity required.

**WARRANTEES.** Seeds of the best quality will often fail through improper treatment, such as planting the seed too deep or too shallow, in soil that is too wet or too dry, or planting when the soil is so cold that the seed is apt to decay. The young plants are liable to various accidents. Cold or dry air may check their growth or destroy them. Insects above or below the ground may attack them, and many other contingencies may arise to prevent the very best seeds from giving satisfaction. However, the Cantaloupe Seed that we send out accompanied by our certificate is guaranteed to have been grown from selected stock seed and saved from fields grown exclusively for seed purposes, from stock that shows true to variety type, from well-netted, fully-matured, standard-size melons of the best seed qualities; that the seed was saved before frost, was hand cut, thoroughly washed and cured, all light seed fanned out, and of standard germination. If the seed should not prove as represented, upon reasonable, well-established claims, we will refund the cost of the seed, but further than this we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. Our seeds are sold only with the above understanding.

**OUR RESPONSIBILITY.** As to our financial and business standing, we refer to The Rocky Ford National Bank, The First National Bank of Rocky Ford, The "Packer" of Kansas City, The "Produce News" of New York. Always enclose a 2-cent stamp when writing for reference.

## Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Seed Growers' Co.

Garwood & Woodside, Proprietors

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Please Remember That the Prices Quoted Herein Includes Delivery  
at Your Station.



# GREETINGS FOR 1917

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We take this opportunity to thank our friends and customers and to assure them that we highly appreciate their confidence and continued support, and especially do we thank them for their kind recommendations and liberal orders during the past year, which has resulted in a very satisfactory increase in our business. We are also indebted to our friends for a largely increased mailing list. On account of the many new names we will repeat the announcement that we made last season, viz.:

To our friends and customers we need no introduction. To those who are not acquainted with us in a business way we would state that our Mr. Garwood has been identified with the cantaloupe business here since the start of the industry twenty-one years ago, has had experience as a grower, inspector, field superintendent and as a SEEDSMAN for the past nineteen years. Mr. Woodside for years has been recognized as one of the most successful and careful seed-growers in this district, and has developed two valuable strains of the Rocky Ford cantaloupe. The most of the cantaloupe seed that we have to offer was grown by Mr. Woodside. That not grown by him was grown and harvested under his personal supervision, which alone is a GUARANTEE of the HIGHEST QUALITY.

Our consistent aim is to make "Quality" the first consideration; next, to make our prices as low as good seed can be sold.

From "grower to grower." Our object is to grow the best seed that can be produced and supply the grower direct, without the seed passing through the hands of several dealers, whereby it often loses its identity. We do not grow seed under contract for seedmen nor for "Uncle Sam."

Our planting stocks are kept up to the highest standard by systematic selection. Our seed-growing is carried on in the most up-to-date manner. The seed we offer is the best selection from fields grown exclusively for seed purposes; was saved from stock true to type, from well-netted, fully-matured, standard-size melons of the best seed qualities. Our seed was all cut by hand and cured before frost, is thoroughly cleaned, all light seed fanned out and is of the highest germination.

While we don't claim to have the only good seed on the market, we do claim that there is none better than the grade of seed we offer.

Our motto: "BEST SEEDS ONLY, AND A SQUARE DEAL TO ALL."

We want to supply growers who want and appreciate good seed. If after ordering from us you have any cause for complaint, we want you to write us fully at once, as just criticism is an aid to improvement.

Your orders, either large or small, will be appreciated and receive our prompt personal attention.

We will be glad to answer any inquiries for information on subjects pertaining to the cantaloupe business not fully covered in our booklet.

We solicit a share of your order for the coming season.

May we have the pleasure of filling your orders?

All prices quoted herein includes delivery.

January 1, 1917.

Sincerely yours,

ROCKY FORD CANTALOUPE SEED GROWERS CO.

Garwood and Woodside, Proprietors.

## ABOUT SEED

QUALITY AND NOT PRICE SHOULD BE THE GUIDE IN BUYING SEED.

One of the most important factors in the production of a good marketable crop of cantaloupes is GOOD SEED. The soil and all other conditions may be ideal, but with poor or mixed seed, time, labor and profits are lost. Therefore, buy the best seed you can get, regardless of the cost.

Seed saved from fields grown from carefully selected stock seed is the best. The seed should be harvested from healthy vines during the early part of the season, from fully matured melons of perfect shape, uniform size, heavily netted, thick-fleshed with small seed cavity. Seed so selected cannot be sold at a low price. During the period when seed should be saved cantaloupes generally bring the highest prices on the markets. On an average a standard crate of cantaloupes will cut about a pound of seed. Many melons that will do to ship cannot be saved for seed, for in the best-bred strains and under the best conditions the melons will vary in size, form and density of netting. From the best seed procurable such variations will be found, but the better the grade the smaller the per cent of irregularities.

The color of the flesh in the different strains will show variations. Therefore do not expect the green-fleshed varieties to all run green-fleshed, nor the salmon-fleshed varieties to all run salmon-fleshed. This is not possible where the different strains are grown in the same district.

Many failures or partial failures to produce a good crop of marketable melons are not due to poor seed; the size of the melon, heavy netting, size of the seed cavity and flavor will vary on different classes of soil. A very wet or extremely dry season has a like effect. Cantaloupes planted on newly broken alfalfa, clover or similar sods which has a tendency to make a rank growth of vines, generally grow over-size, are not so well netted, the flesh not so firm and the flavor not nearly so good as where grown on suitable soil that does not produce so rank a growth of vines. Our experience has been that the second or third year's sod produces melons more uniform in size, netting and flavor than the newly broken alfalfa land.

Unfavorable climatic conditions that may either retard or cause an abnormal growth of vines has a marked influence on the size and the quality of the melons. The same may be said of plant diseases, insect pests and poor or improper methods of cultivation. These are some of the conditions that GOOD SEED WILL NOT OVERCOME. Every grower, to make a success, must study these conditions and do his best to overcome them. The first few crates marketed pays the cost of the seed.

We have known of growers buying inferior seed and losing practically their entire crop as the result of their "penny-wise," "pound-foolish" policy.

## ABOUT VARIETIES

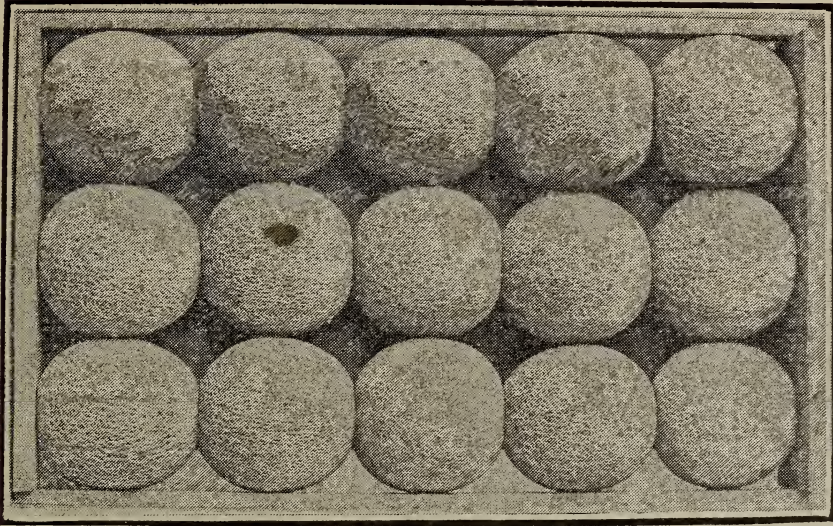
There are so many different strains of the Rocky Ford Cantaloupe advertised by various seedsmen and commercial growers that the grower of limited experience is so confused by the numberless names and varieties that he hardly knows what variety to order. To those so situated we would say that we have carefully observed and tested the merits of the different strains, and offer herewith the strains which in our judgment are the very best and the most profitable for all sections of the country.

There is good seed offered under other names, but the varieties are so similar to those that we offer that an expert cannot detect any material difference. We again state that there is nothing better yet produced in cantaloupes than the following tested strains.



## OUR IMPROVED EDEN GEM CANTALOUPE

(This Strain Is Sold Under Our Guarantee.)



The Eden Gem is the earliest strain of the "solid-net" Rocky Ford Cantaloupe and one of the very best shippers. It is the leader in all market-growing sections for the main crop.

Our improved strain of Eden Gem is the earliest of its type and as rust-resistant as any yet introduced.

This is the highest development yet attained in the Rocky Ford Cantaloupe, both in netting and rust-resistant qualities.

It produces vigorous vines and is extremely prolific. The melons run very uniform in size, nearly all standards and over 90 per cent solid net. The netting is very heavy and dense, which with the thick flesh makes it an ideal long-distance shipper. The flesh varies from green to light golden in color, is fine-grained and very solid; the flavor is unsurpassed.

Our stock seed has been selected for years along certain lines and we now have a strain that is far superior to the original.

During the past seasons we have sold thousands of pounds of our improved Eden Gem seed, which has been planted in all of the principal growing sections of the country, and although some seasons were most unfavorable ones in many districts, yet we have not received one complaint on this strain from seed; but, on the other hand, have received numerous letters from growers of many different states, stating that our Improved Eden Gem was the most satisfactory cantaloupe that they had ever grown, and asking if we could furnish as good seed for the coming season.

"Our answer" is: We believe that we can even furnish better seed, as each year we make a greater effort to improve our seed, and feel sure that our Improved strain of the Eden Gem will satisfy the most particular planters.

We have already received orders for hundreds of pounds from associations and growers in the leading cantaloupe-growing sections of the country.

No matter where you are located or what strain you have been planting, we will put up our Improved strain of Eden Gem against all others as one of the very best all-around market cantaloupes grown.

We have but one grade of this seed. It was saved from first-class melons in every particular. We make but two cuttings from our seed fields. When we were through we could have picked 100 crates of marketable melons per acre. We offer select seed of our Improved Eden Gem at the following prices: Per pkt., 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 80c; per lb., \$1.50; 5 lbs. @ \$1.40; 10 lbs. @ \$1.25; 25 lbs. @ \$1.00 per lb. Associations using larger quantities write for prices.



## SALMON-TINTED EDEN GEM



This new cantaloupe is highly rust-resistant. Under unfavorable conditions when other strains rust badly the vines of this strain remain green and thrifty, continuing to blossom and set on fruits. The value, owing to this quality, is very great, as in many localities rust often destroys the crop, and when other strains have lost their quality on account of rust, this continues to ripen melons of the highest quality.

It yields a heavy crop, continuing long in bearing, and cannot fail to please.

This new strain is nearly as early as the Eden Gem and very prolific. The melons run very uniform in size. In shape it is a trifle longer than the Eden Gem, practically all run solid net, without any indication of the ribs. The netting is extremely heavy and very light colored when matured. The seed cavity is small. The flesh changes from a deep green near the rind to a rich salmon pink near the seed cavity; fine-grained and very solid, the attractive color of the flesh and the unsurpassed flavor will appeal to the most highly cultivated tastes. Its fine appearance attracts the particular trade and commands the highest market price wherever introduced.

At the present time this is the most popular cantaloupe grown, especially in the Imperial Valley and Turlock districts in California. So great has been the demand for next season that the supply of good seed is practically exhausted at this date. We have sold thousands of pounds for use in the California districts. Much of this amount was sold to distributors, who either visited this section in person or sent representatives to select their seed for them.

It was very gratifying to us, after these men had visited and examined all the seed fields in this section, to have them place their orders with us, stating that they had seen none better and very little so good, and that absolutely none of the other growers were making as close selection as we were. One distributor



**SALMON-TINTED EDEN GEM.—(Continued.)**

cut 125 melons in one of our seed fields, and out of this number but two were green-meated. Our seed fields of the salmon-tint averaged 95 per cent salmon-tint.

While this strain is already listed under different names, we will back up our strain as being as good as any in existence.

While our supply of seed lasts, we offer it at the following prices:

Per pkt., 10c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 85c; per lb., \$1.50; 5 lbs. @ \$1.40; 10 lbs. @ \$1.25; 25 lbs. @ \$1.00 per lb.

**WOODSIDE'S IMPERIAL GEM**

(This Strain Is Sold Under Our Guarantee.)

**THIS WE CONSIDER THE BEST EARLY CANTALOUPE INTRODUCED TO DATE.**

In this cantaloupe we have a great improvement in the once-popular Early Watter's strain. With many years selecting and improving, Mr. Woodside has succeeded in perfecting the best early strain of the Rocky Ford Cantaloupe in existence.

In appearance and general habits it is similar to the Early Watters. However, the two great objectionable points in the Watters—the tendency of the vines to blight and the large seed cavity in the melon—have been practically eliminated in this improved strain. It is as early as the Watters, almost as rust-resistant as the Pollock strains and nearly as thick fleshed, which makes it an ideal shipping melon.

The plants are strong, vigorous growers from the start. This strain is extremely prolific, the first setting often showing twelve to fifteen marketable melons to the hill.

**WOODSIDE'S IMPERIAL GEM.—(Continued.)**

The netting covers the entire melon and is almost as heavy as that of the Eden Gem. It matures from a week to ten days earlier.

We class it as a green-fleshed melon, but the color will vary somewhat.

The flavor is similar to the original Rocky Ford, which many contend was the "sweetest of all."

Our observation has been that the vines of the early varieties of cantaloupes seem more easily affected by fungus diseases than the vines of the later varieties; especially is it true in sections where there is much rain during the maturing season, and in irrigated sections where too much water is used; but in sections where these conditions are not too marked and an early melon is desired, this is the most valuable of the Rocky Ford strains. In this district, for years past, the Early Cantaloupe has invariably proven the "money-maker" for the grower.

Do not compare this strain with the "Early Watters," as it is a great improvement over that variety, both in its rust-resistant and shipping qualities.

One grower wrote us that he had more netted melons on two acres of this strain at the time than he had on fifty acres of the Pollock strains planted at the same time.

Do not fail to give it a trial. Our prices for select seed are as follows:

Pkt., 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 80c; lb., \$1.50; 5 lbs. @ \$1.40; 10 lbs. @ \$1.25; 25 lbs. and up, \$1.00 per lb. For larger quantities write for prices.



**Salmon-Fleshed Melon. Burrell Gem.**

(Locally known as the Burrell Gem, Osage Gem, Ordway Pink Meat, Pink Queen, etc.)

This melon is of recent introduction, but has become nearly as popular in many markets as the Rocky Ford strains.

The melon is larger than the "Rocky Ford," averaging about 6 inches in length and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 inches in diameter, with well-defined ribs, heavily netted, with a distinct stripe between. (However, our selection shows many solid-net melons.) The flesh is a rich salmon color and very fine-grained. The seed cavity is unusually small, which accounts for its superior shipping qualities. Nearly half of the shipments from this district are of this variety. The melons are wrapped in attractive pink wrappers and packed in one-layer crates holding from twelve to fifteen melons.

The crates for the standard-size melons are  $13\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep, 24 inches long, holding twelve to fifteen melons, and bring better prices on the markets in proportion to the size of the crate than the standard crates of Rocky Fords.

Until the past season the acreage planted for market outside of this district was limited, but during the past season there was a considerable acreage planted in other sections of the country, notably in California and Arizona, with splendid results. We have also had very favorable reports from sections in the East and South, where during dry seasons they did fine.

However, we feel it our duty to warn the growers in districts where the rain-



**BURRELL GEM.—(Continued.)**

fall is excessive that they are taking great chances planting much of an acreage of this variety, as with excess moisture the vines not only blight, but the melons crack open as well. Where the above conditions do not prevail it is a very profitable melon to plant. Our seed of this variety is as pure as can be obtained anywhere.

We offer select seed at the following prices: Per pkt., 5c; per oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 70c; per lb., \$1.25; 10 to 25 lbs. @ \$1.00 per lb.

Associations and growers using larger quantities, write for special prices.

**NETTED ROCK CANTALOUPE**

This popular strain needs no introduction. It has been planted in many important growing districts for the past ten years and has given general satisfaction.

It is one of the best strains of the Pollock type. The general description of the Eden Gem covers the Netted Rock except that it is a few days later; otherwise it would take an expert to show any marked difference in the two strains.

Many growers have planted this strain for years and will plant nothing else. For this reason we grow a limited acreage of it; otherwise we would drop it for the Eden Gem, which is our favorite of the two strains.

Our seed was grown from the originator's stock and carefully selected. We claim, without fear of contradiction, that we have as pure stock of this strain as there is in existence, which we offer as follows:

Per pkt., 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 70c; per lb., \$1.25; 5 to 25 lbs. @ \$1.00 per lb.

**HOODOO CANTALOUPE**

This excellent melon is of recent introduction and a splendid type of the orange-fleshed cantaloupe.

It is early and very prolific. Is similar in shape to the Rocky Ford varieties, but slightly flattened from stem to blossom end; the ribs are completely covered with a heavy, close netting with a narrow stripe between; the flesh is orange color, thick, fine-grained and of delicious flavor. It is an ideal melon for shipping in baskets as well as in crates. Average weight about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds. It is a great favorite with all who prefer an orange-fleshed melon. Regardless of its name, it is a "dandy" and a money-maker. Don't fail to give it a trial. The seed we offer was grown from the originator's stock.

Price—Pkt., 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 70c; lb., \$1.25.

**GAUGER'S HONEY DEW MELON**

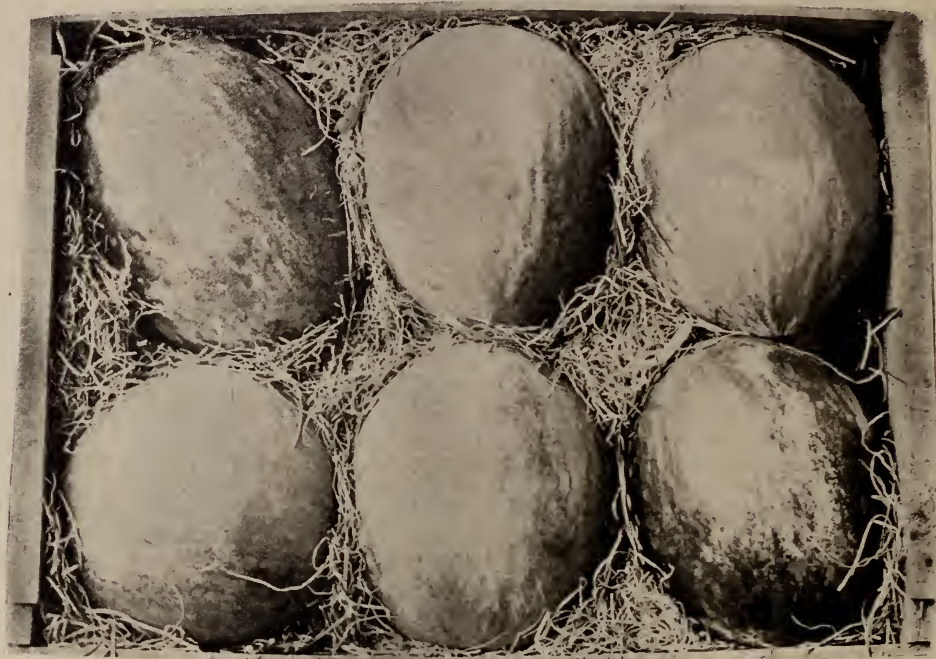
This newest production in the melon line has brought higher prices than any melon yet introduced. During the season 1915 only three cars were marketed; the results are stated in Mr. Gauger's letter. The past season a limited acreage was planted in California, Arizona and New Mexico, and a much larger acreage in Colorado. While excellent prices were obtained throughout the season, the best returns were received from the Colorado shipments, at the close of the cantaloupe season.

The Honey Dew is not a competitor of the cantaloupe, and will not take the place of the cantaloupe, as it is on the casaba order, and is really a fall and winter melon. However, we do believe it is far superior to any casaba yet introduced and will take the lead of that class of melons.

**THE ORIGINATOR'S HISTORY OF THE HONEY DEW.**

The original seed of this new melon was secured from a melon shipped from Africa to New York City. This seed was planted at Rocky Ford, Colo., and crossed with the genuine, original "Rocky Ford" cantaloupe by pollenization. The following season this hybrid seed was again crossed with the Improved Hybrid Casaba. Seed enough was obtained from this cross to plant one and one-half

## GAUGER'S HONEY DEW MELON.—(Continued.)



acres in 1915, from which I shipped three cars, aggregating 1,175 crates, which were shipped to Chicago. After paying freight, icing charges and commissions the three cars netted me \$3,719. After deducting the price of the crates I still had \$3,600 net from the one and one-half acres, or \$2,400 per acre.

I named the melon "Honey Dew" for several reasons: It is as sweet as honey and has the mingling of several flavors—pineapple, banana and vanilla predominating.

The average size of the melon is six inches in diameter and seven to eight inches in length, weighs five to six pounds. The skin is smooth with an occasional net, is a creamy yellow when ripe. The flesh is an emerald green, very thick, melting and fine-grained; can be eaten to the extreme rind. The seed cavity is very small, the rind impervious to water, the melon does not shrink in weight, is not easily bruised and is a splendid shipper.

It matures about ten days later than the Rocky Ford strains and is very prolific. Yields at the rate of 8,000 to 10,000 melons per acre. The melon slips from the vine when ripe and will keep for several weeks. The late-maturing ones may be kept until Christmas.

June 5, 1916.

J. E. GAUGER, Swink, Colo.

(Copy.)

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS.

This is to certify that I have appointed H. D. Garwood and E. S. Woodside of Rocky Ford, Colo. (doing business under the name of Garwood & Woodside) as exclusive agents to sell my 1916 seed crop of the "Honey Dew" melon.

Any orders placed with them or contracts made by them for seed for 1916 crop will be accepted by me, subject to crop conditions as specified in contract.

(Signed)

J. E. GAUGER.

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this 5th day of June, 1916.

My commission expires June 26, 1918.

(Seal)

JOHN W. BOWMAN,  
Notary Public.

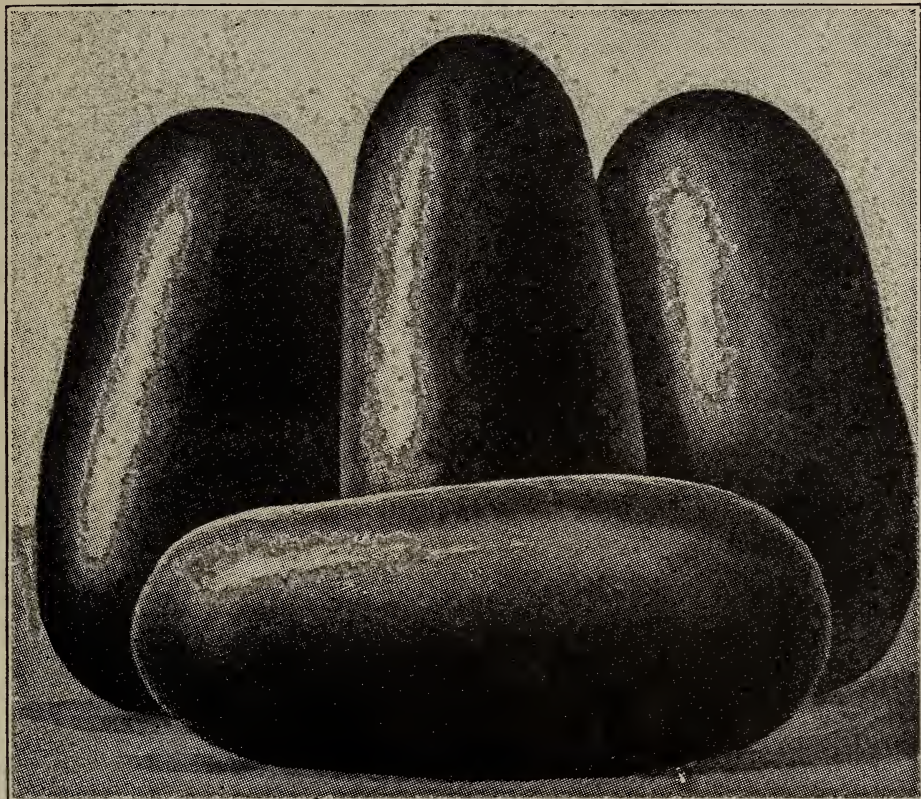
Plant so that it will mature about the time of the first frost. We urge every grower to try this new melon, if only a few hills for their own use.

Price—Pkt., 10c; oz., 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.25; lb., \$2.00.



## WATERMELONS

The following varieties of watermelons we consider the best introduced to date. The "Kleckley" as a home market melon and the "Tom Watson" as a shipper cannot be beat where quality is considered.



### IMPROVED KLECKLEY SWEETS

The "sweetest of all" watermelons, the best home and nearby market melon yet introduced.

This splendid variety is the finest-flavored melon introduced in recent years. No other melon has ever attained such popularity for home use and nearby markets. As originally introduced, the rind was too thin and tender to admit shipping, but by careful selection this defect has been largely overcome.

The Improved Kleckley Sweet is the Rocky Ford strain.

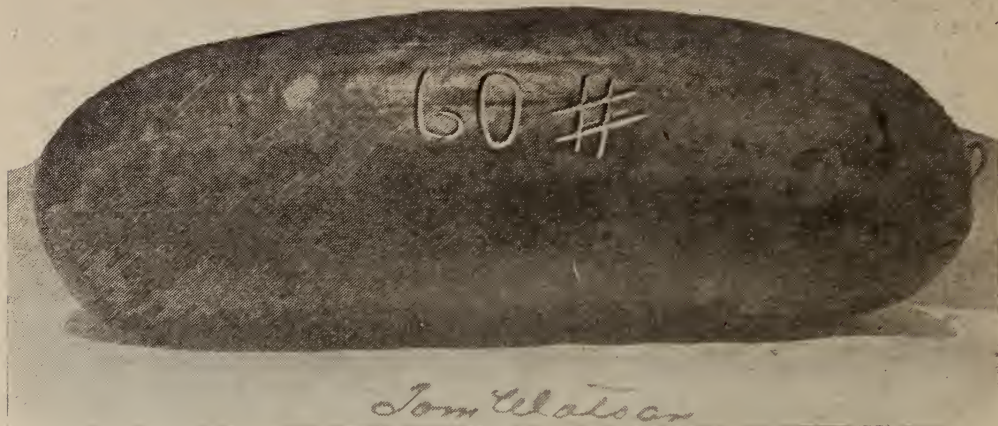
In this new strain now offered there is developed a melon with a shell hard enough to carry to market, having been carefully selected for a series of years for this result. The rind is not thick, but the skin is so hard and tough that it resists the jolts and jars of travel to a remarkable degree, and at the present time is the favorite shipping melon with our Colorado growers, and rapidly growing in favor in other sections of the country. The melons grow 18 to 24 inches in length, 10 to 12 inches through, averaging about 25 pounds in weight, oblong in form, with very dark green skin, flesh deep scarlet red, with solid heart, stringless, with few seeds, set near the rind. The flavor is unexcelled. Don't fail to plant this splendid melon for home use or nearby markets.

Select seed (saved from the largest and best melons)—Per pkt., 5c; per oz., 10c; per ¼ lb., 30c; ½ lb., 55c; per lb., \$1.00; 10 to 25 lbs. @ 80c.

Those using larger quantities, write for prices.



## TOM WATSON WATERMELON



A new watermelon, combining the eating qualities of the "Kleckley" and the shipping qualities of the "Alabama Sweet."

The Watson originated in Georgia, the "home of the watermelon." No other melon of recent introduction has attained popularity in such a comparatively short time. Wherever introduced it takes the lead over all other varieties. The fruit is very large, many melons weighing 50 to 60 pounds and measuring 18 to 24 inches in length. The skin is a dark, mottled green, the flesh an intense bright red, solid and tender, the heart is very large with a very small seed area. The rind is very thin, but exceedingly tough, which accounts for its excellent shipping qualities. The flavor is second to none. This grand new melon has become the most popular of all the shipping melons.

Our extra selected seed of the "Tom Watson" was grown by one of the most noted melon seed growers of the South. It was selected from the choicest, earliest ripe melons, weighing from 30 pounds up. No better or purer strain can be had; in fact, it is select stock seed. It is guaranteed to be true to name and of standard germination.

Our supply of this grade is limited. We offer it while it lasts as follows: Per pkt., 10c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 70c; per lb., \$1.25.

Associations and others using larger quantities, write for special prices.

## SUPERIOR CUCUMBER SEED

The Rocky Ford District has become as well known for the production of high-grade cucumber seed as it is for the production of a superior grade of cantaloupe seed. With irrigation, abundant sunshine and ideal weather for harvesting the seed crops, we produce seed of a superior quality and of the highest germination. The leading seedmen of the country now depend on this district for their supply.

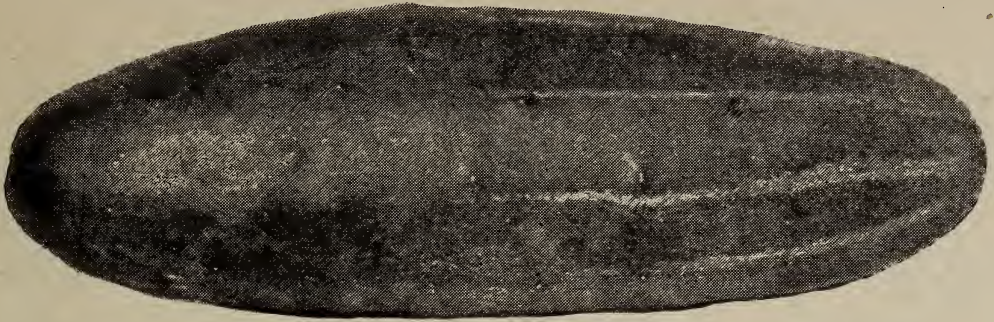
The cucumber seed we offer was not grown by ourselves, but was grown by some of the best growers of this district, and we believe it to be the best that can be bought anywhere or at any price.

We list but one variety, which in our judgment is the most profitable market cucumber for all sections of the country.



## KLONDIKE CUCUMBER

(A Rocky Ford Production.)



This splendid shipping cucumber is an improved strain of the White Spine type. It is a very attractive dark green variety with a green that stays for days after being picked and shipped. The cucumbers are from 7 to 8 inches long, 2 to 2½ inches in diameter, very regular in size and shape, very crisp and unsurpassed for slicing. It makes excellent pickles when young. The vines are extremely vigorous and productive and resist blight better than other long sorts. A great favorite in Florida and other sections of the South for shipping to northern markets. For market gardeners it is the most profitable variety known today.

Price—Per pkt., 5c; oz., 10c; ¼ lb., 25c; ½ lb., 45c; lb., 80c; 5 to 25 lbs @ 75c per lb.

**Note.**—Frequently Associations want a large quantity of seed put up in one-pound cloth sacks for convenience in distribution to the growers. For bulk seed put up in this manner add 5 cents per pound to prices quoted.

Please remember that the prices quoted herein include delivery at your station.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

For the coming season we have decided to publish "Our Booklet" on Rocky Ford Cantaloupes, culture, harvesting and marketing, separate from our catalog.

We will gladly furnish this booklet "Free of Charge," to everyone who may be interested in the information that it contains.

Many of our friends have written that it gives the most practical and thorough information on the subject of growing and handling of cantaloupes that has been published to date.

We appreciate the many kind endorsements given it, and feel amply repaid for our effort by knowing that it has been of some benefit to growers in all sections of the country. **It is free for the asking.**

## Origin and Reliable Information About the Rocky Ford Cantaloupe

The cantaloupe, which has made the name of "Rocky Ford, Colorado" famous throughout the country, is an offspring of the Netted Gem, which was first introduced in the Rocky Ford district in 1882. The Netted Gem was a small green-fleshed melon, nearly round and inclined to be flattened from stem to blossom, having several distinct ribs of about equal width, heavily netted, showing distinct stripes between the ribs, with no netting.

From this melon selections were made to an oval type, which has long since been abandoned by the growers of this district, but is yet planted in some sections of the country, and is advertised by some seedsmen as the Rocky Ford, Thoroughbred, etc.

Through thirty years of breeding, selecting and improving, a new creation has been effected, known as the Improved Rocky Ford, which is more globular in form, without ribs, covered with a solid lace-like netting, with smaller seed cavity, of superior flavor and a far better shipper than the original Rocky Ford or Netted Gem.

The first production of the Improved Rocky Ford, or solid-netted melon, was known in this district as the Pollock. The improved strains of this type are locally known as the Netted Rock, Eden Gem, Improved Rust Resistant, etc., which for all practical purposes are in the same class.

For an all-around melon for all sections of the country there is none better than the Improved Rocky Ford, or Solid Net, called it what you like; the Pollock, Netted Rock, Eden Gem, or anybody's Rust Resistant. While this variety is a week or ten days later than the Watter's, it is a better shipper, a heavier cropper and the flavor is unexcelled.

Another production is known as the Kouns' or Watters' strain, which, in earliness and shape, is nearer the type of the original Rocky Ford and more inclined to show a slight rib and the stripe between characteristic of that variety, but gradually running to the solid net.

This is the earliest melon of the Rocky Ford varieties, and until the past two years it has been a general favorite in sections of the country where there is little or no rainfall during the maturing season, especially in the growing districts of Arizona and California. However, this strain has lost its popularity during the past two seasons on account of its tendency to rust or blight, and the large seed cavity, which made it a poor long-distance shipper.

The Imperial Gem, propagated by Mr. E. S. Woodside, has taken its place, as it is as early as the Watters, and is nearly as rust-resistant as the Pollock strains, which with the solid net and small seed cavity makes it an ideal long-distance shipper and a worthy successor of the once-popular Early Watters.

We also have the salmon-fleshed melon (a selection of the Defender), which is locally known as the Burrel Gem, Ordway Pink Meat and the Osage Gem. This melon is an entirely different type from the Rocky Ford melon. It differs in size, color, shape and flavor. However, it is a melon of merit, and is rapidly gaining in favor in many markets throughout the East. From present indications, within a few years' time this melon will be nearly as popular as the Rocky Ford. We would not advise, however, the planting of a large acreage of this variety where rainfall is excessive, as it is inclined to crack with too much moisture.

The latest production is the Salmon-Fleshed Rocky Ford, which so closely resembles the Eden Gem (except in color of the flesh) that we have listed it as the Salmon-Tinted Eden Gem. This strain we believe is the coming cantaloupe for the fancy trade. Read carefully the description on page 4.

The "Hoodoo," while not a production of this district, is a splendid salmon-fleshed melon and particularly desirable for shipping in baskets to nearby markets.



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